by this Ministry on the Gandhiji's Birth Anniversary 2003 was taken from an article entitled 'The Doctrine of the Sword' written by Mahatma Gandhi in 'Young India' on August 11, 1920. The quote though factually correct, should have been related to its true context.

Upgrading A.I.R. stations in Uttaranchal

†393. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few A.I.R. stations are proposed to be upgraded during the ongoing Five Year Plan itself;

(b) whether Uttaranchal based Almora and Srinagar stations of A.I.R. are also proposed to be upgraded during the Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of the alternative steps being taken to make the broadcast effective in this boardering State?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal to upgrade 1 KW MW station at Almora. However, a Captive Earth Station is proposed to be set up in Almora during Tenth Plan. There is no radio station at Srinagar in Uttaranchal.

(d) In order to further strengthen the radio coverage in Uttaranchal, the following new radio stations have been proposed in Tenth Five Year Plan:-

Dehradun—10 KW FM
Haldwani—10 KW FM
Bageshwar—5 KW FM
Champawat—1 KW FM
Gairsain—1KW FM
Rudraprayag—1 KW FM
New Tehri—1 KW FM
Dharchula—1 KW MW

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These schemes will be implemented subject to approval and availability of resources.

Media Commission

394. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up a Media Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are planning to establish a Media Council in place of the Press Council of India;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are also considering to make changes in the Working Journalist Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The proposals are under examination.

(d) and (e) As per the Ministry of Labour and Employment, there is no such proposal under consideration.

Auction for time slots of DD National Channel

†395. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Doordarshan' is considering to auction some time slots of its national channel to private parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the subject matter of various programmes presented by the private parties is regulated?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Prasar Bharati have informed that all proposals of outside producers for consideration under the Sponsorship Scheme of Doordarshan are

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